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May 23, 2022

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC to Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Permit it to Provide Service to Customers Located in Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC, an Application in the above-referenced matter. Also enclosed with this Application is a proposed Notice of Filing and Hearing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie L. DeVier Counsel for Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC

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Enclosure

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN RE:

Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC)	
For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	APPLICATION
Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers)	FOR EXPANDED
Located in Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina)	AUTHORITY
•)	

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("Applicant") hereby submits this application to the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") to further amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280 and the rules and regulations of the Commission, to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in those areas of the State of South Carolina (the "State") that are served by TDS Telecommunications, LLC ("TDS") ("Requested Service Area"). In support of this application, the following is shown:

1. Applicant's name and address are as follows:

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC Post Office Drawer 1577 Walterboro, SC 29448

2. Correspondence regarding this Application should be addressed to the Applicant's counsel:

Donald L. Herman, Jr. Carrie L. DeVier Robin E. Tuttle Herman & Whiteaker, LLC 6720-B Rockledge Drive, Suite 150 Bethesda, MD 20817

Telephone: (202) 600-7273; (202) 827-0665; (202) 827-0667

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Email: dee@hermanwhiteaker.com; cdevier@hermanwhiteaker.com;

rtuttle@hermanwhiteaker.com

3. The name, title, address, and telephone number of the person who should be contacted in connection with general management of the Applicant is:

Jason J. Dandridge Chief Executive Officer Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC Post Office Drawer 1577 Walterboro, SC 29448 Telephone: (843) 538-2020

Facsimile: (843) 538-2020 Facsimile: (843) 538-7904 Email: Jason.Dandridge@prtc.us

4. Applicant was organized as a limited liability company in the State in 1998.

Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which has been providing local exchange telephone service in the State since 1955. Applicant has previously been issued certificates of public convenience and necessity by this Commission. In 1999, the Commission granted Applicant a certificate to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State. *See* Commission Order No. 1999-617 in Docket No. 1999-309-C. In 2004, the Commission granted Applicant a certificate to provide competitive local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in the Walterboro, South Carolina exchange served by Verizon South, Inc., now served by Frontier. *See* Commission Order No. 2004-1 in Docket No. 2003-270-C. In 2012, the Commission granted Applicant's request to expand its authority to include Frontier's Yemassee, Ehrhardt, Olar, and Fairfax, South Carolina exchanges, and CenturyLink's Hampton and Estill, South Carolina exchanges. *See* Commission Order No. 2012-75 in Docket No. 2011-303-C. In 2014, the Commission granted Applicant's request to expand its authority to include areas of the State that

are served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina, Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc., United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, Windstream South Carolina, LLC, and other incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") whose rural exemptions under 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) have been terminated by the Commission. *See* Commission Order No. 2014-802 in Docket No. 2014-324-C. Each of the above-described certificates was granted to Applicant upon a finding by the Commission that Applicant has the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the requested services within the State, and that the Applicant met all other requirements of certification. Applicant continues to meet these requirements, as demonstrated in the description of key personnel attached as Exhibit A, and the most recent Telecommunications Company Annual Report of Applicant's parent company, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which is on file with the Commission and is attached as Exhibit B.

- 5. Applicant proposes to expand its service to those areas of the State that are served by TDS, the ILEC serving the area, as opportunities and facilities become available. Applicant will provide the same service, under the same terms and conditions, to customers located in the expanded area as it is currently providing to customers in its presently certificated service area. Applicant will offer the service at rates comparable to those of TDS.
- 6. Amending Applicant's certificate to expand its service area will serve the public interest. Applicant is an established competitive local exchange carrier in the State. Provision of service by Applicant in the Requested Service Area will enhance competition in the State by offering additional service options and high service quality to telecommunications users of the State.

- 7. As demonstrated in Applicant's prior certification proceedings, as well as Exhibits A and B hereto, and as further demonstrated by Applicant's service history and the Annual Reports that are filed with the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff by Applicant and its parent company on an annual basis, Applicant has the technical, managerial, and financial resources necessary to provide service in the Requested Service Area.
- 8. As demonstrated in Applicant's prior certification proceedings, and as demonstrated by Applicant's service history, Applicant will provide services which meet the service standards of the Commission; Applicant's provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service and will not otherwise adversely impact the public interest; and Applicant will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates.
- 9. The Commission has previously granted Applicant's request for flexible regulation of its local exchange telecommunications services. *See* Commission Order No. 2004-1 in Docket No. 2003-270-C. Applicant requests the same treatment for local exchange telecommunications services provided in the expanded area for which it requests certification through this Application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Service

Commission of South Carolina amend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC to include those areas described in this Application,
and that its rates and tariffs for such local telecommunications service in the expanded area be
regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation,
consistent with the authority previously granted by the Commission to Applicant for the local
exchange areas it currently serves.

Respectfully submitted,

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Columbia, South Carolina

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EXHIBIT A

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC Description of Key Personnel

Jason J. Dandridge

Jason J. Dandridge has worked for Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. since 1997. He was hired as PRTC's Staff Engineer and was later promoted to Assistant General Manager then to his current position as CEO. He has been PRTC's Chief Executive Officer since 2008. Jason is responsible for ensuring the long term business and financial viability of the Company; managing the activities of the Company directly and through other key personnel; interpreting and implementing policies; evaluating new business opportunities and making recommendations to the Board of Directors; ensuring all operations comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and ensuring the success of the Company within the guidelines and authority established by the Board of Directors. Jason has extensive experience in the communications industry and has served, or is currently serving, on several industry boards and committees.

Major accomplishments include implementing a CLEC beyond the ILEC service territory that has greatly increased the geographic size of Palmetto, upgrading the regulated service territory with Fiber to the home, increasing broadband penetration of broadband to customers, continuing to add state of the art technologies and services to the company's product offerings, and more than doubling the cooperative's revenues.

Prior to joining PRTC, he was employed with Design South Professionals where he was responsible for outside plant cable design.

Jason has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Clemson University and a Master of Business Administration from The Citadel.

Dewaine J. Wilson

Dewaine joined Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc (PRTC) in 2007 as its Controller. In 2010, he was promoted to Chief Financial Officer. As CFO, Dewaine is responsible for financial reporting for the company and oversees Accounting, Billing, Customer Service, Sales, Marketing and Regulatory. Dewaine has been very instrumental in implementing process controls and procedures and department budgets at PRTC. These procedures have helped PRTC to keep projects on budget while meeting the engineering design criteria and keeping the customer service and sales teams focused on increasing market share both in the regulated and in CLEC markets. Since Dewaine created the Sales and Marketing departments, the company's operating revenues have increased 207% from 2008 to 2020 and internet subscribers have increase by 231%. The company has not had an audit adjustment for the last nine years under Dewaine's leadership. The company has applied and been award two RUS Loans (P-Loan & R-Loan).

Dewaine has over 30 years of financial management experience. Prior to joining PRTC, Dewaine was a Controller at Hargray Communications Group; District Controller for Waste

Management; Senior Financial Analyst with International Paper Company; and held the positions of Business Analyst, Internal Auditor and Accountant at Hughes Aircraft.

Dewaine earned his BS Degree in Accounting from Charleston Southern University and his MBA from The Citadel, both located in Charleston, SC.

Tony Stout

Tony Stout joined PRTC in 2010 and serves as the company's Chief Technology Officer. In his role as CTO, Tony is responsible for overseeing strategic direction for building and expanding PRTC's next generation network infrastructure. Additionally, he manages the company's daily engineering and operational duties. Tony has been instrumental in developing PRTC's strategic plan for transforming the Cooperative's legacy network into an all fiber, all IP next-gen network.

Tony has more than 28 years of technology, business and management experience in various Telecom and Information Technology roles. His specialties include strategic planning, innovative leadership, building and leading technical teams and managing complex projects.

Prior to joining PRTC, Tony served as Hargray Communications' Network Engineering manager, responsible for network design and technology planning for Hargray's carrier network infrastructure.

Tony earned a Bachelor's degree in Media and Communications from East Tennessee State University. He is married and has 2 children. Originally from Tennessee, he has lived in the South Carolina Lowcountry for 26 years.

Donny Colson

Donny Colson joined PRTC in 1997 and serves as the company's OSP Engineering Manager. Donny is responsible for overseeing all outside plant operations. He was part of PRTC's broadband loan and P-Loan process and oversaw the construction, testing, and closeout for both loans.

Donny has worked for PRTC for 25 years and has held construction, I&R, GIS and OPS engineering roles. He has worked in the engineering department for 18 of those years. He has managed PRTC's GIS data base, fiber and copper counts. He has performed all in-house engineering and design work, while in the engineering department.

Donny attended USC and Midlands Tech for Electrical Engineering and has several certifications from Central Carolina College in Telephony. He has certifications in ESRI and Python software.

He has been married for 30 years and has a son who works in the banking industry. He was born and has lived in the Lowcountry of South Carolina his whole life.

Chris Green

Chris Green has been part of the PRTC team since May 2011, serving many different roles. Starting as an IP Technician in 2011, moving into Systems Engineering in 2012, then into

Network Engineering 2016, Manager of Network Engineering in mid-2016 and in 2018 he was promoted to Director of Network Engineering and Operations.

Chris's career in the field data networking spans nearly three decades. He has an in-depth knowledge of all things IP telephony, as well as, data network design, implementation, monitoring and alarming. He has a love of programming and relishes the moments he gets to use it.

Chris began his networking career in the remote villages and oil fields of Alaska's North Slope. In Alaska he worked for British Petroleum (BP) as a Network Systems Analyst for many years and at Arctic Slope Telephone Association Coop as a Networking Engineer finding his true passion, connecting computers, people and networks over large and not so large distances. Whether utilizing microwave or satellite, copper or fiber assets, networking is his calling.

Family being his other passion, Chris and his wife Alicia, have raised two incredible children. Chris has taken advantage of many educational opportunities over the past three decades. He holds numerous vendor and vendor agnostic certificates from companies like Cisco, Brocade, Apple, Microsoft, Ubiquity, Imagestream and CompTIA.

Valerie Ancrum

Valerie Ancrum has been employed with Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated since October 2003. As Regulatory Affairs Manager, Valerie is responsible for completing filings with the FCC, USAC, NECA, NTCA, ORS and SC Public Service Commission; updating PRTC's tariffs; communicating with federal and state legislators; conducting annual training in CPNI and federal programs; and making sure that the company stays compliant with industry changes

Prior to joining PRTC, Valerie was Clerk of Court for the City of Walterboro, worked as a Legal Assistant at a law firm in Walterboro, SC and taught keyboarding to high school students and adults in Adult Education.

Valerie currently serves on NTCA's Regulatory & Industry Committee and is the Director for South Carolina on NTCA's Political Action Committee. Valerie received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from South Carolina State University in December 1997 and completed her Master of Business Administration from Webster University in August 2004.

Dewey Ford

Dewey Ford joined the PRTC team in February of 2018 as Marketing Manager. He came to PRTC with over 15 years of telecom experience. He oversees all aspects of the Marketing department. Dewey is responsible for product development and the promotion of all products and services as well as driving market growth, cost reduction and customer satisfaction. He is also responsible for the management of the PRTC brand and the representation of a positive corporate image to the public.

Dewey's major accomplishments include his assistance in the deployment of fiber technology to the rural areas of Bonneau, SC; Pineville, SC; and St. Stephen, SC. Prior to joining PRTC, he was employed with Home Telecom, an independently owned telecom company located in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, serving Berkeley County and portions of Dorchester and the Greater Charleston area.

Dewey has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

Tandy Metzendorf

Tandy Metzendorf joined the team at Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., in June 1999. Tandy began her career in the customer service department and later transferred to the accounting department. In 2009, she was promoted to Customer Service Manager.

Tandy is responsible for the daily operation of the customer service department and the work performance of her team. She oversees new service order entry, daily payment processing procedures, and the billing of managed services. Tandy has daily interaction with customers answering questions, assisting with service issues, and working with individuals who may have experienced recent financial loss and hardship.

Tandy has been instrumental in opening three new locations for PRTC. A retail location in Walterboro, SC, was opened in 2012, a location in St. George, SC, in 2021, and most recently a location in Varnville, SC in 2022. She transformed the customer service department from a service only department to a sales department that has done an outstanding job of upselling customers to higher broadband speeds and various other products offered by PRTC.

Prior to joining PRTC, Tandy worked in the accounting department of Upchurch Forest Products handling payroll, accounts receivable, and the financial statement reporting; Accounts Receivable Manager for CCX Fiberglass Products; and served as a bank officer and management trainee at Summerville National Bank.

Tandy is a 1987 graduate of the University of South Carolina where she received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Tandy enjoys the daily interaction with customers and making personal connections with them. She was born and raised in Walterboro and is very familiar with many of the residential and businesses customers in the community. Tandy is married, has 2 children, and still resides in the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

EXHIBIT B Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Telecommunications Company Annual Report For Calendar Year 2021

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Exact Legal Name of Respondent

PSC/ORS Number (leave blank)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2021

- Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021
- OFiscal Year Ending _____

Submit to: AnnualReports@psc.sc.gov



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. All Telecommunications Companies holding a South Carolina Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity are required by state law to complete and file this annual report for their South Carolina operations. Effective January 1, 2020, pursuant to Order No. 2019-706 in Docket No. 2009-84-A, one copy of the Annual Report should be submitted to the PSC email address AnnualReports@psc.sc.gov by April 1, 2022. In addition, one copy should be retained by the company. Filing electronic copies will satisfy the utility's requirement for submitting an annual report as required by PSC regulation.
- 2. All forms are available in PDF Format on the Office of Regulatory Staff web site at: www.ORS.sc.gov
- 3. Where no information is available for an item in the report, "0," None, or Not Applicable are appropriate responses.
- 4. All accounting terms and phrases used in this report are to be interpreted in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed in Part 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) or in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles if your company has specific permission from the Commission to use GAAP for financial reporting and record keeping.
- 5. Throughout this report, money items will be rounded to the nearest dollar.
- Failure to comply with the submission of the annual report may result in fines and/or revocation of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
- 7. The Authorized Utility Representative Form has been incorporated into this Annual Report.
- 8. Separate notification is required for changes in company contact information -- i.e. name, address, telephone number, contact names, sale or purchase of Company, corporate structure.
 The Authorized Utility Representative Form can be downloaded at: www.ORS.sc.gov
- Contact the Office of Regulatory Staff at (803) 737-0821 if you have questions about this form or the requirements for a Telecommunications Company.
- 10. FORM MUST BE COMPLETED EVEN IF REPORTING ZERO

AUTHO	Teleco	mmunication		_	RM	
	CERTIFICAT	TED COMPANY	INFORM	ATION		
Company Name: Palmetto Rui	al Telephone Cooperat	ive, Inc.				
DBA/FKA:				Telephone # (Telephone # (843)538-9090	
Mailing Address: PO Drawer 1	577					
City: Walterboro	State	sc		ZIP Code: 2948	38	
Check classifications grante	d by certificate	ILEC ✓	IXC	CLEC	Wireless ETC	
	REGISTE	RED AGENT II	FORMATI	ON		
Registered Agent:						
Mailing Address:						
City: State: ZIP Code:						

As required by Commission rules and regulations
Print or type company contact person and contact information for the areas listed below:

	UTILITY REPRESENTATIVE INFO	ORMATION
General Manager		
Name: Jason Dandridge, CE	0	
Address: PO Drawer 1577		
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9090	Email: jason.dandridge@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7904
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Name: Chris Green		- And Control of the
Phone: (843)635-3288	Email: chris.green@prtc.us	Fax:
Customer Relations/Co		
Name: Tandy Metzendorf		
Address: PO Drawer 1577		- A-A
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9392	Email: tandy.metzendorf@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7913
Complaints Rep for Co.	mplaint Escalation	
Name: Dewaine Wilson		
Address: PO Drawer 1577		
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9382	Email: dewaine.wilson@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7902
Customer Toll Free Cor	ntact Number: (866)565-0404	*
Engineering Operation	5	
Name: Donny Colson		
Address: PO Drawer 1577		
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-2425	Email: donny.colson@prtc.us Fax: (843)538-5073	
Test and Repair		
Name: Madison Carter		
Address: PO Drawer 1577	Was a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second and a second and a second and	
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9339	Email: madison.carter@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-2411

Regulatory Officer		
Name & Title: Valerie Ancr.	ım, Regulatory Affairs Manager	
Address: PO Drawer 1577		
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9383	Email: valerie.ancrum@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7313
Annual Report Form M	ailings	
Name & Title: Dewaine Wils	son, CFO	
Address: PO Drawer 1577		
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9382	Email: dewaine.wilson@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7902
Dual Party Invoice Mai	ilings	
Name & Title: Dewaine Wils	son, CFO	W. A. W. L. D. A. H.
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City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9382	Email: dewaine.wilson@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7902
Universal Service Fund	l Mailings	
Name & Title: Valerie Ancru	ım, Regulatory Affairs Manager	
Address: PO Drawer 1577	22.00	
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9383	Email: valerie.ancrum@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7313
Gross Receipts Mailing	s	
Name & Title: Dewaine Wils	son, CFO	
Address: PO Drawer 1577	16,200 (3)	10022
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9383	Email: dewaine.wilson@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-7902
Lifeline Contact		521
Name & Title: Valerie Ancru	ım, Regulatory Affairs Manager	
Address: PO Drawer 1577		
City: Walterboro	State: SC	ZIP Code: 29488
Phone: (843)538-9383	Email: valerie.ancrum@prtc.us	Fax: (843)538-9383

ANNUAL REPORT PREPAREI	RINFORMATION
This form was completed by: McNair, McLemore, Middlebroo	ks & Co., LLC
Title: Certified Public Accountants	Date: 4/15/2022

Company Officers

Title of Officer	Name of Person Holding Office
President	Travis Lee Avant
Vice-President	Cynthia Colson
Secretary	Heath Griffith
Treasurer	Heath Griffith
Gen. Manager or Supt.	Jason Dandridge

Contact Information (If different from above)

Contact Name:			
Title:			
Street Address:			-
City:	State:	Zip:	
Telephone Number: ()	E-mail:	

If the company did not operate in South Carolina during the reporting year, please sign below and complete the affidavit on page 9. No other entries are required.

I certify that this company did not operate in South Carolina during the reporting year.

	Signature

LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ANNUAL REPORT Schedule 1- South Carolina Income Statement

Year Ending December 31, 2021 or Fiscal Year Ending

Operating Revenues:			
(Retail & Wholesale)	G/L Account #'s	<u>Total</u>	Intrastate Only
Local Network Service Revenues		\$2,704,487	
Network Access Service Revenues		15,562,981	
Long Distance Revenues		-	
Miscellaneous Revenues		857,149	
Uncollectible Revenues		(111,305)	
Total Operating Revenues		\$19,013,312	
Operating Expenses:			
Total Operations Expenses & Taxes		\$21,149,693	
Net Income from Operations		(2,136,381)	
Nonoperating Items Including Interest		20,174,135	
Non-regulated Net Income		358,433	
Net Income		\$18,396,187	

Schedule 2- South Carolina Telecommunications Plant In Service				
Description	G/L Account #'s	Balance at Close of Year		
Telecommunications Plant				
Telecommunications Plant in Service		\$132,412,020		
Property Held for Future Use		\$2,357,209		
Telecommunications Plant under Construction		\$12,858,999		

Schedule 3- South Carolina End-User Access Lines and Equivalent Access Lines Year Ending 12/31/2021

All certificated carriers must complete schedule 3.

- · IXC's must complete Line 4
- · Wholesale Carriers or network providers must complete Line 5.

Wireless ETCs must complete Lines 6-8

1.	Total Business End User Circuit Based Access Lines	1,126
2.	Total Residential End User Circuit Based Access Lines	6,584
3.	Total End User Circuit Based Access Lines	7,710
4.	Total Number of Customers	9,114
5.	Total Wholesale Customers	(-

6.	Total Lifeline Customers provided Lifeline via resold service from an underlying carrier	
7.	Total Lifeline Customers provided Lifeline via facilities owned or leased	333
8.	Total Lifeline Customers	333

ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS

SCHEDULE 4: INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES (IXC) AND ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICE ("AOS") PROVIDERS

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

COMPANY NAME		-	
P.O. Drawer 1577	843-538-2020	_	
ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER			
Walterboro, South Carolina 29488	843-538-7902	_	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	FAX NUMBER	_	
1. SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE DECEMBER 31, 2021 OR FISCAL YEAR. S N/A	E 12 MONTHS ENDING		
SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 OR FISCAL YEAR. S. N/A			
3. RATE BASE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA OPER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 OR FISCAL YEAR:	RATIONS FOR THE 12 MG	ONTHS	
Gross Plant located in or allocated to South Carolina o	perations \$	N/A	
CWIP located in or allocated to South Carolina operati	ions \$	N/A	
Land located in or allocated to South Carolina operation	ons \$	N/A	
Accumulated Depreciation of South Carolina Plant	(\$	N/A)	
Net Rate Base located in or allocated to South Carolina	operations\$	N/A	
4. PARENT'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE FOR THE 12 MONTH DECEMBER 31, 2021 OR FISCAL YEAR:	AS ENDING		
LONG TERM DEBT SN/A			
EQUITY SN/A			
5. PARENT'S AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LONG	TERM DEBTN/A_%.		
6. CONTACT PERSON FOR ALL FINANCIAL INQUIRES A	AND REPORTING:		
NAME Dewaine Wilson		_	
ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM COMPANY			
TELEPHONE NUMBER 843-682-3131			

ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS - CONTINUED

SCHEDULE 4: INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES (IXC) AND ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICE ("AOS") PROVIDERS

7.	ALL DETAILS ON THE ALLOCATION METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE
	AMOUNT OF EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS AS
	WELL AS METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF COMPANY'S RATE BASE INVESTMENT
	(SEE #3 PREVIOUS PAGE) (USE BACK IF NEEDED)

Not applicable.

NAME OF OFF	ICER SIGNING F	ORM (PRINT OR TYPE	Jason	and vide
SIGNATURE	<u> </u>			
TITLE	CEO		<u></u>	

<u>Affidavit</u>

	state of South Carolina		
-	county of Colleton		
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	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Company		
STATE OF THE PARTY	hereby certify that the foregoing Annual Report was prepared by me or unde supervision, that I have examined it, and that the items herein reported on the of my knowledge are correctly shown.		
(Signature		FREN B. MAN
	Subscribed and sworn to before me this	<u> 22</u> .	-
	Karen B Hand Notary Public		ON CAROLINE
	Commission Expires April 10, 2024		

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2022-___-C

Docket Summary: Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC to Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services in Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina.

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("Palmetto" or "Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280, to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services to customers located in those areas of the State of South Carolina that are served by TDS Telecommunications, LLC.

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2022- -C. Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the Company's representative: Carrie L. DeVier, Esquire, Herman & Whiteaker, LLC, 6720-B Rockledge Drive, Suite 150, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on , before a Hearing Examiner in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. PLEASE BE ADVISED that, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter. Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before . For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2022person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before . Please refer to Docket No. 2022- -C. For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and **Docket No. 2022-** -C.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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Direct correspondence to: Public Service Commission of South Carolina

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